**Flash Photo**



Title: The Tangled Web  
  
Tags: spider web, spider, flash, Halloween  
  
I had a few shots to choose from for this assignment. I finally decided on this shot since it uses a flash. I think this fits the requirements for this assignment because I used the flash on my camera to highlight the spider and its web. The web looks out of focus, even though I tried capturing this shot from a couple of different angles. I had to get pretty close to the web for it to show up in the photo.  
  
I tried taking this photo without the flash, but you couldn't really see the web, only the spider. I really like how the flash gives the spider and web a creepy feeling, a sign of the season. I also experimented with the levels in Photoshop. I wanted to be able to see the background through the web, so I adjusted the picture. Since I only had a flash built in to my camera, I could not adjust the flash in that manner. I would like to try a flash attachment with another person's high tech camera to see how the angle of the flash makes a difference.  
  
Self Evaluation

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| Category | Strong | Adequate | Weak |
| Concept | Does an outstanding job of communicating the concept. | Does an adequate job communicating the concept. | Does a poor job communicating the concept. |
| Composition | Photograph uses composition principles very effectively. | Photograph does a good job using composition principles. | Photograph does a poor job using composition principles. |
| Focus | Focus is a perfect match with the concept of the shot. | Focus is an adequate match with the concept of the shot. | Focus is a poor match with the concept of the shot. |
| Technical Aspects | Shutter speed and aperture were perfectly chosen to match concept. | Shutter speed and aperture were adequately chosen to match concept. | Shutter speed and aperture were poorly chosen and do not match the concept. |
| Depth of Field | Excellent use of depth-of-field. | Adequate use of depth-of-field. | Poor use of depth-of-field. |
| Title/tags | Title and tags were perfectly chosen and written to express the content and concept. Spelling and word choice are excellent with no mistakes. | Title and tags were adequately chosen and written to express the content and concept. Spelling and word choice are good with only minor errors. | Title and tags were poorly chosen and written to express the content and concept. Contains multiple spelling errors or wrong word choices. |
| **Instructor evaluates this section** | | | |
| Self Critique | Excellent self-assessment. Written comments meet or exceed requirements. | Adequate self-assessment. Written comments meet requirements. | Poor self-assessment. Written comments do not meet requirements. |
| Peer Critique | Excellent peer assessment. Written comments meet or exceed requirements. | Adequate peer assessment. Written comments meet requirements. | Poor peer assessment. Written comments do not meet requirements. |
| Peer Comments | Peer comments exceed expectations. | Peer comments meet expectations. One or two comments might be missing. | Three or more peer comments were missing, incomplete or poorly writte n. |
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| Total Points | >89% (45-50 pts.) | 80 – 89% (40 - 44 pts.) | <80% (<40 pts.) |

**Peer Critique**

<http://thesnapshots.wikispaces.com/Donna-P8>

Name: Emily Smith

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Critique Comments: Donna, I have wanted to take a photo like this one as well! We must be thinking alike this week. You did an excellent job of capturing the composition of this assignment. Looking at this makes me want to just glide along the water with a good book to read. I would suggest that maybe you could soften the edges with Photoshop or something. It would pull our eyes into the depth of this wonderful picture. Very nice job!! :O)

**Other Comments**

Jacki, I like the photo of your son's Halloween costume. The night setting on most cameras is a handy tool for beginners like us. A suggestion I have is to maybe get closer to your son for this shot or maybe shoot from lower or higher. These other angles might give a different feeling to the shot. Good job.

Kevin, this is a nice depiction of reflective photography. I had to look twice to realize that this was the shot of the water. Was the wind slightly blowing the water? It looks a little blurry at first glance. A suggestion I have is to maybe try a different angle for this shot or maybe include, if possible, part of the actual watering trough. Overall, this meets the requirements for this assignment. Nicely done.

Michael, I love Old Glory in her nighttime glory. I think it would be nice to just see the flag and not the street light in this photo. Seeing the clarity of the here makes me think of all the soldiers fighting for our freedom and actually brings a tear to my eye. I also like your church photo; if you cropped the sign out of the photo, this would be an awesome sight. Overall, I think you did Old Glory proud with this shot.